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# Livingston HSCB

HUMAN SERVICES COLLABORATIVE BODY

QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2019

## What's New in Livingston?

### Ground Breaking Celebration at Fillmore County Park

In 2006, Raymond Fillmore, bequeathed his 198 acre farm in Genoa Charter Township to Livingston County. According to his wishes, this park will be dedicated to active recreational pursuits. Livingston County Government moved one step closer to fulfilling Raymond Fillmore's wishes on April 30, 2019, when approximately 50 persons gathered to participate in a celebratory ground breaking at the park to kick-off construction of Phase I.

The first phase of construction will be located near the northeast corner of Kellogg and McClements Roads. This phase will consist of a drive, parking area, vaulted handicap-accessible toilet, and a large multi-purpose play field for a variety of sports such as baseball, softball, soccer and flag football. Lastly, a 5K trail will be constructed throughout the eastern 80 acre portion of the park, with connections to the parking area.

Much of the funding for Phase I development, came from a Federal Department of the Interior Land and Water Conservation Fund grant that Livingston County matched by over 50%. This match was achieved with generous contributions from the Livingston County Board of Commissioners, Livingston County Foundation and contributions from 3 local municipalities: Genoa Charter Township, Marion Township and the City of Howell.



It is anticipated that the construction of Phase I will be approximately 60 days in duration. Livingston County hopes to open Fillmore County Park in Summer 2019.

To view additional photos of this event, <https://www.livgov.com/parks/Pages/Fillmore-Park.aspx>

## What's New in Livingston?

### Women United Livingston County

Livingston County United Way is launching their "Women United" group on June 6th from 6-8 PM at the Johnson Center. This group will work together to raise funds, network, have fun and find ways to make a difference in our community.

This inaugural event finds United Way partnering with Livingston Educational Service Agency (LESA) "Talking is Teaching" initiative. We will learn from our guest speakers on how we can support the positive development of all Livingston County children.

We will offer volunteer opportunities towards

our first goal: To measurable improve 3rd grade reading proficiency for Livingston County students over



the next 5 years. We will accomplish this by adopting classrooms.

Did you know that 42% of our Livingston County 3rd graders are failing to meet proficiency standards in reading? Join us as we look at how to make a difference in those numbers.

For more information: contact 810-494-3000 or register by May 24th at <https://conta.cc/2VTK8k8>.

## Summer Lunch Bunch Sites 2019

### Tuesdays

2/42 Community Church  
Check-in at 11:30 AM

Howell Estates Mobile  
Home Park  
Check-in at 11:15 AM

### Wednesdays

Fowlerville Library  
Check-in at 11:15 AM

Challenger Elementary  
School  
Check-in at 5:45 PM

Munn Early Childhood  
Center  
Check-in at 5:30 PM

### Thursdays

Hartland Meadows  
Mobile Home  
Check-in at 11:15

### Field Trips

Howell Library

- June 27th—5 PM
- July 3rd—11:30 AM
- July 15th—11:30 AM
- August 5th—5:45 PM

### Jubilee Farms

- July 19th—11:15 AM

### Howell Nature Center

- August 2nd—11:15 AM

See Page 4 for contact info



## Collaboration Works!

Local non-profits and businesses working together to strengthen and support families in Livingston County.

Be Our Guest Adult Day (a program of Livingston County Catholic Charities) was born out of the need to support family caregivers who are caring for a loved one at home with dementia and other memory related diseases. Be Our Guest provides the caregiver respite from the 24/7 care or the ability to continue to work, volunteer, run errands, and more.

Be Our Guest collaborates with and purchases services from several local non-profits and businesses. Since our inception, 13 years ago, Be Our Guest purchases daily meals for our Guests (clients) from The Livingston County Senior Nutrition Program, another local non-profit. This allows Be Our Guest to ensure our Guests are receiving a well-balanced meal that meets requirements of one of our funders, AAA1-B. The meals are delivered family style and

staff plate and serve the items, which our Guests just love!

Be Our Guest also has contracts with the Brighton Senior Center and Hartland Senior Center to provide transportation and we purchase service as needed from LETS. Be Our Guest pays for any of these transportation services for the Guest if they live within 15 miles of the facility, which is usually everyone. Each service provides door to door service and the drivers and staff are familiar with our program and the assistance our individuals may need. A requirement for each service is that a person is present at each end of the service to account for the safety of the client. That is the ultimate objective of all of our programs interacting with this population.



## Community Needs

The Livingston County Health Department (LCHD) is currently heading up a Community Health Needs Assessment (CHNA), to be completed by 2020.

LCHD is collaborating with local Health and Human Service agencies who have been contributing questions and topic areas for further consideration. The data gathered from the CHNA will also drive the creation of a new Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP) for Livingston County, to establish priorities to improve the health and wellness of all our residents.

LCHD would like to thank all those who have contributed to this process and for those that wish to continue as part of our MAPP/CHIP process, starting towards the end of summer- stay posted!

If you have any questions, please contact Natasha Radke at [nradke@livgov.com](mailto:nradke@livgov.com).



## Youth Advocacy

### TCYS Youth Council advocate for youth and families in crisis!

Members of The Connection Youth Services Youth Council attended Dome Day in Lansing on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019. Dome Day is an annual event put on by The Michigan Network for Youth and Families. Runaway and Homeless Youth (RHY) providers from across the state of Michigan meet with state legislators to advocate for programs like The Connection Youth Services.

They were acknowledged by Lieutenant Governor Garlin Gilchrist. They held meetings with members of Senator Lana Theis's office, State

Representative Ann Bollin's office, and State Representative Hank Vaupel and his staff. They shared stories about their personal experiences and advocated for a funding increase for RHY providers at a state level. They were recognized as State Representative Ann Bollin and State Representative Hank Vaupel's special guests during the house session.

The Youth Council members enjoyed their visit to the State Capitol and look forward to future advocacy work.



## Livingston County Celebration

Justin Babbitt is a Staff Attorney at Legal Services of South Central Michigan in Lansing. Mr. Babbitt is a housing attorney who focuses on eviction and public housing and also spearheads the Livingston County Eviction Diversion Program (EDP). Since its inception in 2016, evictions in Livingston County have dropped from over 1,000 per year down to 50. This has had a direct correlation in lowering the amount of homeless individuals, especially those most at risk for eviction, such as single mothers, domestic violence victims, and persons of color in Livingston County. Babbitt has represented over 700 persons in five different counties facing eviction and imminent homelessness. He also serves as the Vice-Chair of the Livingston County Homeless Continuum of Care and Chair of the Livingston County Housing Stability Task Force in an effort to reduce homelessness and help reshape the current housing issues in the county.

The Michigan Coalition Against Homelessness will be recognizing Justin Babbitt as a Public Policy Champion at their Breakfast of Champions on May 29th.



## Stories of Hope

Hanover Insurance Group employees, the Hanover Heroes, on April 17, 2019 participated in a team building event through the Impact 4 Good Bike Program. Ten teams of 7 employees competed in challenge events with the final challenge to build a bike for a youth. Livingston County DHHS foster care youth were the recipients of the 11 bikes built. Each child received their bike, helmet and bike lock just in time for Easter.

Hanover Insurance Group has been a community partner with Livingston County DHHS on multiple projects that serve our foster care and P2P families.

**Thank you to the Hanover Heroes for their support in Livingston County!**





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*Ensuring a system of support for members of our community.*

## What is the Purpose of the Livingston County HSCB?

The Livingston HSCB started in 1989 and was officially recognized as the county Multi-Purpose Collaborative Body by the state and county Board of Commissioners in 1995. Now, referred to as a Community Collaborative by the state, the HSCB is comprised of 26 appointed members that work together to coordinate health and human services across systems. The HSCB also:

- Develops strategies and programs to meet current and future needs
- Fiscally manages state-funded collaborative initiatives
- Monitors the effectiveness and efficiency of collaborative projects

The HSCB does this work through established committees and workgroups which have specific goals and objectives to complete. The HSCB and most workgroups meet monthly and consist of representatives from public and non-profit organizations, business, and interested residents of the county. To learn about the work of the HSCB, contact Anne Rennie at [arennie@cmhliv.org](mailto:arennie@cmhliv.org).

## Upcoming Events in Livingston

### CAP Kid's Fair 2019

Saturday, June 1st and Sunday June 2nd in conjunction with Pinckney's Art in the Park Festival. For more information call Holly at 517-548-1350

### Livingston County Community Alliance's 3rd Annual Golf Outing

June 8th at Whispering Pines Course in Pinckney. 8am Registration

To Register: <https://lccagolf.eventbrite.com>

### Summer Lunch Bunch—opens June 18th

The Salvation Army in coordination with the Hunger Council and United Way, will be operating 6 full sites of Summer Lunch Bunch starting on June 18th. They also have 6 free events planned. For more information, contact Ashley Longstreet at [ashley\\_longstreet@uscsalvationarmy.org](mailto:ashley_longstreet@uscsalvationarmy.org)

### Howell Chamber of Commerce 34th Annual Balloonfest—June 28th - 30th

See their website for more details—[www.michiganchallenge.com](http://www.michiganchallenge.com)

### 32nd Annual Senior Power Day—August 2nd

Brighton High School from 9 AM—3 PM. For more information visit [www.livingstoncoa.org](http://www.livingstoncoa.org).

### Love INC LeConcours de Livingston—August 4th

Event will be held at Waldenwoods Resort on from 2-5 PM. For more information: [www.livingstonloveinc.org](http://www.livingstonloveinc.org)

### United Way's 17th Annual Day of Caring - August 7th

Contact Livingston County United Way for details. [lccdayofcaring.org](http://lccdayofcaring.org) or 810-494-3000

### Backpack and Connect for Kids Event—August 8th

Kid's Connect from 5:30—8 PM and Backpacks from 6-8 PM

## ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS!

Summer Golf Outings to support the wonderful agencies who serve our community. Please join us!

June 10th—The ARC of Livingston. Contact (517) 552-3620

June 10th—Work Skills. Contact (810) 227-4868

June 25th—VINA Dental. Contact (810) 844-0240

We are on the web at :  
<http://www.co.livingston.mi.us/hscb/>



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